

Halcombe School



RD 9, FEILDING

PHONE (06) 328 8845; FAX (06) 328 8847; office@halcombe.school.nz

www.halcombe.school.nz

Term 3 Week 6

26th August 2014

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Quiz Night

What a fabulous success last Friday evening was! Thank you so much to everyone who supported the evening in any way; our sponsors, people who donated goods to auction, the PTA and friends of the school, staff and all the families who sent along grocery items, provided food for supper, or helped on the night. There was a wonderful atmosphere in the hall with 36 teams involved. This was a great way to not only fundraise for the children, but bring people together for a fun evening. It is very rewarding to be part of such an awesome community. The profit is more than \$5000. An excellent effort, everyone!



36 teams = a full house!



Our teachers were busy with marking!



Cam Waugh & Paul Turner ran the Mystery Bottle Auction!



Mrs Otter kept those scores in order!

South Makirikiri Winter Sports Exchange

Last Wednesday, many of our senior students participated in a winter sports exchange with South Makirikiri School. Having been postponed once, all the students were raring to go! There was both great sportsmanship and skills on display. Thanks to our parent supporters. Visit our [class blogs](#) for more information & photos.

Gym Display and Assembly this Friday!

The gym display on Friday will start promptly at 1.30pm, so please be seated before then. Assembly will follow the display at 2.30pm and will be hosted by Room 4.

Teaching and Learning in Room 6

The past few weeks have been a very busy time in Room 6. Our technology programme is now well underway, with students enjoying hard materials (woodwork), soft materials (sewing) and food technology (including cooking) for two mornings each week. The focus on improving spelling, punctuation and grammar skills has continued and we are definitely getting better at this! We are also about half-way through a very challenging novel assignment, which is testing both our reading and time management skills. Each student has continued to maintain a personal blog, giving a wonderful overview of what they've been learning at school. These can be accessed from our [Room 6 class blog](#), so feel free to check them out! The students would love to read your feedback. Soon, we'll be starting to think about speeches! The topic: 'Life is better now, than it was 50 years ago'.... mmm, food for thought!

Staffing

We have good news and bad news!

We are very exciting to let you know that Anna Morris will be teaching in Room 7 next term while Kirsty Lynch is on maternity leave. Anna is an experienced junior teacher who will be wonderful with our New Entrant children. Anna has already done quite a bit of relieving in this room and already knows all the children. We hope she enjoys her time with us. We also extend a warm welcome Amanda Hunt who will work on Fridays in Room 7.

We are really sad that Lizzie McCartin will be leaving us at the end of the year. Lizzie and her partner are starting their big 'OE' at the start of next year. Lizzie started teaching here 3 years ago and has developed into the most amazing teacher. We all admire her patience, professionalism and focus on children's learning. We wish her all the very best for an exciting adventure.

TOMORROW is Red Day!



The Student Council will bring us our FIRST 'Red Day' tomorrow. This is a new event for Halcombe School and we are very excited!

They invite all students to dress up in something red and bring a gold coin donation for the Blood & Leukaemia Foundation. There will be a parade and prizes for the best red outfits!

Dental Therapists

The dental therapists are here until the end of the week. Please return any permission slips or forms promptly. They will return in Term 4 for their routine dental checks of all students. You can contact the dental therapists any time on 06 322 8791 for advice and urgent appointments either here at Halcombe School or at their other clinics.

School Office: week 7 – 10

Mrs Otter will be away from next Monday until the end of term, which will affect some of the routines of our Office. We may not be able to check our office e-mail as regularly, and ask families to please ring the school for bus messages etc (or use the KIT Book). Online banking is still available for school payments, but there may be a delay in processing receipts. Otherwise it will be business as usual, with Paula Stace and Vanessa Stroud running the Office for us.

Kind regards

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sue Simpson
Principal

Halcombe Community Walkway Working Bee

9am Saturday 6th September followed by a BBQ lunch (which will be provided). Meet at the Stanway Road end of the Domain. Lots of things to get done including planting trees along the walkway, laying railway sleepers to edge the Domain planting and spreading bark. The more hands on deck the merrier. For further information call Rachel on 328 8594 or keep an eye on www.facebook.com/HalcombeCommunity